

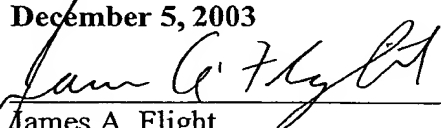


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In response to the Office action dated August 1, 2003, please consider the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on lines 1-11 of Page 6 with the following paragraph:

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-- Because there is are typically many reference signatures stored in a reference signature library, and because comparing the broadcast signatures to all such reference signatures would require a substantial amount of time, hash